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E- Newsletter

Welcome to Issue #2:

Inside Transportation News is a vehicle for sharing relevant information with transportation and planning professionals and other National Park Service partners.

FY 2006 Public Lands Highways Discretionary Projects – Joni Gallegos, NPS

The Infrastructure Office of the Federal Highway Administration has issued guidance on applying for Public Lands Highways Discretionary funds. Attached to the [guidance memorandum](#) is a list of FY 2006 project designations that includes: Golden Gate; Campobello; Boston Harbor Islands; Lowell, Natchez Trace Parkway; Thomas Cole; Blackstone Heritage Area; Stones River National Battlefield; and Jamestown.

Parks and Regions should work together with the State Department of Transportation to file an application (attachment #2) with the Federal Highway Administration by **January 20, 2006**. It's advisable to get applications in early because these projects are discretionary and the money for this program is oversubscribed.

Riparian Roads and Restoration – Greg Napper, U.S Forest Service

The Forest Service of the U.S Department of Agriculture has developed an online video presentation, [Riparian Roads and Restoration](#), which address minimizing impacts on riparian/wetland areas and restoring or improving riparian wetland ecosystems. The Federal Highway Administration was a partner in this production.

Cleaner Roads and a Cleaner Environment – Sean Paul Pisano, Federal Highway Administration

See the Federal Highway Administration's "Successes in Stewardship" [newsletter](#) on the growing awareness of the impacts of road salt and sand on natural habitat. The Federal Highway Administration and state departments of transportation are investigating, implementing, and sharing cost- effective and methods for snow and ice removal that are environmentally friendly. Also, take a look at the recent Public Roads article, "[Of Moose and Mud](#)," which features research aimed at reducing animal- vehicle collisions by deactivating roadside mineral salts.

Wildlife and Highways: Considerations and Solutions – Sean Furniss, U.S Fish & Wildlife Service

This year's annual Transportation Research Board meeting in Washington, D.C., will have a one- day workshop on critter crossings. The [Wildlife and Highways: Considerations and Solutions workshop](#) will be on Sunday, January 22, 2006.

National Scenic Byway Program Update – Jennifer Getz, National Park Service

Recently, several National Park Service roadways were cited as [National Scenic Byways](#) and All- American Roads. The parks, in which these roads are located, as well as other parks that have previously received Byways recognition, may apply for National Scenic Byways Grant monies. Applications must be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration by March 10, 2006.

Environmentally Sensitive Channel- and Bank- Protection Measures – Transportation Research Board

The Transportation Research Board has released an informative report that should be of interest to our community. The report on [Environmentally Sensitive Channel- and Bank- Protection Measures](#) includes recommended design guidelines for their application. It also offers a selection system for helping to determine the most appropriate channel- and bank- protection measures. The selection system is presented as an interactive software program entitled “Greenbank.”

Asset Management – Transportation Research Board

The Transportation Research Board’s National Cooperative Highway Research Program Report 545: [Analytical Tools for Asset Management](#) examines two tools developed to support tradeoff analysis for transportation asset management. The software tools and accompanying documentation can help transportation professionals identify, evaluate, and recommend investment decisions for managing the agency’s infrastructure assets.

National Rural Intelligent Transportation Conference

The Western Transportation Institute located in Bozeman, Montana, is co- sponsoring with the Federal Highway Administration, ITS America, and others a [National Rural Intelligent Transportation System Conference](#) in Big Sky, Montana, August 13- 16, 2006. Also, the 2006 National Rural ITS Conference planning committee is seeking [abstracts](#) for presentation. All abstracts must be received by February 17, 2006.

** We are searching for articles for our February issues so please let us hear from you! Thank you. **